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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE NONDESTRUCTIVE MEASUREMENT OF THE THICKNESS OF THIN LAYERS**

and invented by:

Fischer

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
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  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☒ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*  
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a. ☒ Newly executed *(original or copy)*      ☐ Unexecuted  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
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**Accompanying Application Parts**

8. ☒ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & documents)*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
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15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*

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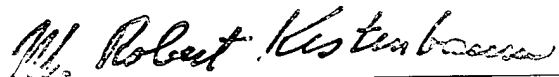
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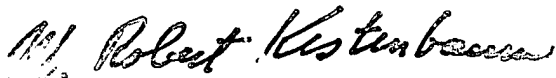
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